



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

July 19 – 7:00 Village Council Meeting
(note date change)

July 26 – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

JULY 13, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

JULY 14, 7:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH SOCIAL BUILDING

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN QUARTERLY MEETING

JULY 17, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

"GROWING PROFITS IN LAKE PARK"

JULY 18 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER,
MAKE UP WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS LEADERS

MOVIES IN THE PARK – (ROBOTS)

JULY 21, 7:30 PM, LAKE PARK TOWN CENTER GAZEBO
(MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK)

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)

JULY 26, 7:00 PM, 5409 CREFT CIRCLE.

LAKE PARK HOA ARCHITECTURE MEETING

JULY 27, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 1, 6:00 PM, MEETING STREET

Council Thanks Fleta Thomas

During the June council meeting, the Lake Park Council accepted the resignation of Fleta Thomas from her position as a member of the Village Council. Ms. Thomas has served the village on the Council since January 2002 and as the Mayor Pro Tem since January 2004. In addition to these duties, Ms. Thomas was the chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Under her direction, the commission refined the procedures and guidelines for the pools, and started new events to promote community involvement including the Chili Cookoff, and Lake Park's 4th of July. Prior to her time on the council, Ms. Thomas served as president of the Lake Park Homeowner's Association.

The Council would like to express our sincerest thanks to Fleta for all that she has done for our Village.

Council Passes Budget

Budget for FY 2006-2007

The Lake Park Council held a public hearing on June 13 to discuss the proposed 2006-07 budget for the village. Several citizens voiced their support of spending additional funds on additional security for Lake Park along with sharing several ideas on how those additional resources should be implemented. There were no other comments about any other elements in the proposed budget.

During the council meeting that followed immediately after the public hearing, the council unanimously approved the budget as presented. The budget increases the allocation for security from \$60,000 to \$119,000. The budget also increases funding for park maintenance from \$16,000 to \$29,000. To fund these additional expenses, the approved budget includes a one cent ad valorem tax increase.

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New Picnic Table Installed

Presented by the Lake Park Garden Club

The Lake Park Garden Club recently installed a new picnic table in Russell Park. The club paid for the table and its installation (valued at around \$900.00) with funds raised during the Christmas Home Tour. The table is made of recycled materials and will be durable enough to be enjoyed by countless residents for years to come.

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For your information...

Trash Collection and Windy Thursdays

When setting out the carts and bins for Thursday pickups, it's important to make sure that styrofoam pellets are bagged, and newspapers are not loosely stacked. Putting recyclable newspapers in a PAPER sack can help prevent blowing about the lawns before the trucks arrive. Our collectors have been asked to be attentive to avoid dropping items, but they are *not* instructed to chase items that may have blown around.

Opening on Parks and Rec Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for a person who is willing to serve and to shape the future direction of the Commission. The volunteer position would require attendance at one meeting per month and some additional work to coordinate maintenance of the common areas and/or coordination of village activities. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact the village clerk, Cheri Clark, at (704) 882-VOLP or email her at lpfacmgr@lakeparknc.com.

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You Are Invited

First Annual Lake Park National Night Out

Deputy Jason Miles has registered Lake Park to participate in National Night Out 2006 and is organizing our local celebration for August 1, 2006 from 6-10 PM. National Night Out is affiliated with National Association of Town Watch dedicated to community pride and safety; www.nationalnightout.com. During this night, Meeting Street will be closed down and will be the scene of a block party full of fun, food and festivities all designed to inform the village about efforts to fight crime and about the Community Watch of Lake Park. There will be entertainment for children and adults along with law enforcement displays in what promises to be a night of fun for the entire village.

Security Report

For May 2006

In May, the Sheriff's office responded to 65 calls within Lake Park. 13 calls were for general disturbances. Home alarm systems continue to be a problem. Almost 10% of the calls were due to one resident's alarm system that caused the sheriff's department to respond to 5 false alarms. Deputy Miles would like to remind residents with alarms to make sure that their systems are in proper working order to avoid these costly calls.

Business Growth Opportunities

Ten of Lake Park's 18 leading businesses dedicated two hours on June 12 to gather for the first workshop designed to address the common interests and specific needs of growing viable businesses, services, schools and churches in the Lake Park community. Participants were given a key opportunity to exchange ideas and consider how their different organizations can work together to promote community safety, link marketing and outreach to obtain success in and for Lake Park.

The make-up workshop for 8 additional business leaders will be held July 18, 7pm at the Community Center.

Opening on the Village Council

The Lake Park Village Council is looking to fill a vacant seat on the council. The council asks that a letter of interest be submitted by all interested residents. For further details, please contact the village clerk, Cheri Clark, at (704) 882-VOLP or email her at lpfacmgr@lakeparknc.com.